ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 07-12-2010 – Prosecution sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE {VIGILANCE-VII(2)} DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 2318

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Dated: 14-12-2011.

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, S/o.Late Talari Ramudu, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District during the period from 09-05-2008 to 07-12-2010 and as such by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of 'Public Servant' within the meaning of clause(c) of section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri S.E.Kodanda Ramaiah, S/o.Sri Chennaiah, Aged: 27 years is a native of Chinna Poodella Village, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District lodged a written complaint before the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool on 05-12-2010 against Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella and Pedda Poodella Villages. Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah lives on agriculture and his parents have 5 sons and he is the youngest among them. All his brothers are living separately. Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah does not have a own house at his village. His elder brother Sri younger sister Smt. S.E.Sujatha and his relatives Rambhupal, Smt.E.Allamma, Sri Y.Sudhakar and Sri S.E. Venkatesh also do not have own houses and hence Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah met and gave an application to the Peapully Mandal Housing Assistant Engineer on 25-11-2010 for the sanction of Indiramma Houses. Upon that the said Mandal Housing Assistant Engineer signed on his application and asked him to get the House site Possession Certificates from the Tahsildar, Peapully. So Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah prepared house site possession certificate forms by duly filling them and affixing the photographs of 6 persons including himself and met the Village Revenue Officer of their village Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu on 29-11-2010 at the Office of the Tahsildar, Peapully, gave 6 (six) possession certificate forms of himself and his other relatives along with the application on which the Mandal Housing Assistant Engineer has signed and requested Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer to sign on those forms and to send the

same to the Tahsildar, Peapully. For that Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer demanded an amount of Rs.1,200/- as bribe. Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah went away stating that they are poor and can not pay the bribe amount to Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer. Later on 04-12-2010 evening Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah again met Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer at Peapully and requested him to sign in the said possession certificate forms. Upon that Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer reiterated his earlier demand of bribe amount of Rs.1,200/- and stated that he would not do the work unless the bribe amount is given to him. Due to invariable condition and unwillingly Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah accepted to pay the said bribe amount of Rs.1,200/- to Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer. Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer asked Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah to pay the bribe amount of Rs.1,200/to him on 07-12-2010 after 02:00 P.M. at the Office of the Tahsildar, Peapully;

- 3. And whereas it is alleged that Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah, who was unwilling to pay the bribe amount of Rs.1,200/- to Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages lodged a written report with the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool on 05-12-2010 at 10:30 hours. After due verification, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau registered a case on 07-12-2010 at 09:00 hours in Crime No.10/RCT-KUR/ 2010 under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and took up investigation;
- And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of investigation at the time of trap on 07-12-2010 at 15:20 hours when Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah approached Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District at his office room situated in the office building of the Tahsildar, Peapully and found the Village Revenue Officer Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, alone sitting in his chair. On seeing Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah, Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer renewed his earlier demand and asked Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah whether the demanded bribe amount was brought. When Sri S.E.Kondanda Ramaiah answered affirmatively, Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer demanded him to pay the said bribe amount to him. Accordingly, Sri S.E. Kondanda Ramaiah gave the tainted amount of Rs.1,200/- to Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer by taking out the same from his left side shirt pocket. Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer received the said amount with his right hand, counted the same with his both hands and kept it in the right back pocket of his trousers and informed to Sri S.E.Kodanda Ramaiah that he would sign and send the Possession Certificates Forms to the Tahsildar, Peapully on the next day. The tainted amount of Rs.1,200/- was recovered from Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer when produced the same from

the right back pocket of the trousers. The currency note numbers and denominations of tainted amount of Rs.1,200/- tallied with those noted in the pre-trap proceedings. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool also seized relevant records and documents from Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool arrested Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer at 22:10 hours on 07-12-2010 and sent him for remand.

- 5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);
- 6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District from the Government service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e., copies of First Information Report, Pre & Post-trap proceedings, final report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District should be prosecuted in a court of law, for the above said offences;
- 7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Talari Venkata Ramudu, Village Revenue Officer, Chinna Poodella & Pedda Poodella Villages, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District for the aforesaid offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read-with section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(ASUTOSH MISHRA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.